

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

35 U.S.C. §102 Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4, 7-10, 12-13, 16-21, 23-24, 26-28, 31-34, 37-38, 40-42, 45-48 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Lim et al. (US 5,884,024) (hereinafter, “Lim”). The rejection is moot in view of the claim cancellations and amendments shown above.

Specifically, Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, 7-10, 19-21, 26-28, 31-33, 37, 38, 40-42, and 45-48. In addition, Applicant has amended claims 5, 11, 12, 14-18, 22-25, 29, 30, 34-36, 39, 43, 44, 49, 50, and 51 to include allowable subject matter and/or depend from claims that contain allowable subject matter as indicated by the Office.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 6, 11, 14, 15, 22, 25, 29, 30, 34-36, 39, 43, 44, 49, and 50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has appropriately amended claims to include, or depend from claims that include, subject matter that is allowable as indicated by the Office.

Claim 5 is amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 6 depends from claim 5, and is therefore allowable.

1 Claim 11 is amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim and
2 any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable.

3 Claim 12 is amended to depend from claim 11, and is therefore allowable.

4 Claim 13 originally depends from claim 11, and is therefore allowable.

5 Claims 14 and 15 are amended to include all of the limitations of their base
6 claims and any intervening claims, and are therefore allowable.

7 Claims 16, 17, and 18 are amended to depend from claim 15, and are
8 therefore allowable.

9 Claim 22 is amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim and
10 any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable.

11 Claims 23 and 24 are amended to depend from claim 22, and are therefore
12 allowable.

13 Claim 25 is amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim and
14 any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable.

15 Claims 29 and 30 are amended to include all of the limitations of their base
16 claims and any intervening claims, and are therefore allowable.

17 Claim 34 is amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim and
18 any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable.

19 Claim 35 originally depends from claim 34, and is therefore allowable.

20 Claims 36, 39, 43, 44, and 49 are amended to include all of the limitations
21 of their base claims and any intervening claims, and are therefore allowable.

22 Claim 50 originally depends from claim 49, and is therefore allowable.

23 Claims 51 is amended to depend from claim 49, and is therefore allowable.

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1 Is summary, all pending claims, 5-6, 11-18, 22-25, 29-30, 34-36, 39, 43-44,
2 and 49-51 are allowable as including, either directly or through a claim
3 dependency, allowable subject matter indicated by the Office.

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5 **Conclusion**

6 All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully
7 requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any
8 issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to
9 contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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13 Respectfully Submitted,

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